what are the improvements that are in contemplation. And if they are improvements of a kind which should be or are generally carried out with borrowed funds, then it would not be right to with-hold the surplus for being utilised for such improvements. Under the Reforms Scheme, Local Governments will have borrowing powers and some classes of unproductive works would be carried out from borrowed funds. There are other stations of the size of the Bangalore assigned tracts and simply because the surplus revenue of Bangalore belongs to an Indian State, the cost of improvements which would not be thought of elsewhere or which would be carried out by raising loans under ordinary circumstances should not be charged to the revenues of the Civil and Military Station.

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Treasury Buildings,
Calcutta,
The 8th September 20.

My dear Mirza,

I received your letters of the 17th and the 30th August in due time and I am glad to note from them that you are all well. We are still in the full flood of the rainy season and are getting downpours almost every day. It seems that the rains will spend themselves this year by the end of September and we shall have clear and bright weather during the ensuing Pujas.

I met Sirdar Kantaraj Urs on the Strand the other day when taking my usual spin in the evening after office hours. We talked of the good old times and discussed several matters. He paid a visit to my office and went round some of the sections.

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As regards the subsidy, I think it would be very desirable if His Highness the Yuvaraja could get orders of the Secretary of State passed on the sybject before he leaves England. I think we have made out a fairly strong case, and it only requires sympathetic consideration of the authorities.

Thanks very much for your kind enquiries about my health and welfare. I have knocked off about 20 lbs. of superfluous fat but I feel all the more fit for the change. The reorganization of our department has been brought into force with effect from the 1st December 1919 and I have been confirmed in Class I of the enrolled list (pay Rs.1.800--60--2.100) from October 1919. My present emoluments as officiating Accountant General, Central

Central Revenues is Rs.2.250/- a month and from 1st November I shall be getting Rs.2400.

I know, Mirza, that you are a man who keeps his promise and I shall await with interest the more detailed account of Mysore affairs which you have said you would give me when you have sufficient leisure. I cannot say that I have anything to complain regarding my present position and surroundings but all the same my heart yearns for my second mother-land and her children!

Trusting that this will find you all in the enjoyment of excellent health and with sentiments of deep loyalty and affection to His Highness the Maharaja and compliments and best wishes to yourself,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

JSchakravarti

As he left Calcutta very soon afterwards, I could not meet him as many times as I would have wished.

Whenever I meet a high official, the conversation natrually turns on Mysore and so it was in the case of the officers referred to by you. But there was nothing in the conversation which I might with advantage communicate to you. The faith which most British officers have in their political institutions and specially in the House of Commons is really astonishing. When I represented how at times individuals or States find it difficult to get from Government what, in fairness and justice is their due, one of the highest officials told me that the remedy really lay in getting some one to rise in the British House of Commons and ask a question on the subject.

This might not, he added, have immediate effect but, in the long run, it was sure to make everything straight. I pointed out that such a course could not be thought of in many instances, and if adopted, would have a very undesirable effect by alienating the sympathies of the Government of India and the India Office. But the officer maintained that all matters in which the interests of any part of the population of the British Empire were concerned could be appropriately brought before Parliament. He seemed, in fact, to have unbounded confidence in the power and sense of justice of the British House of Commons!

As regards Civil and Military Station surplus, it would be a pity to let the matter rest where it is now. We must know what